

Business Licenses & Rentals

Enforcing the City of Anniston's Business License and Privilege Tax Ordinance

Enforcing the Ordinance

- As of 2014 (this current license year), the City is requiring businesses and/or individuals, including property management services, leasing or renting residential and/or commercial real estate located in the City of Anniston or its police jurisdiction to obtain a business license before Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.
- The Business License requirement for rentals has been a requirement via the City of Anniston's <u>Business License and Privilege Tax Ordinance</u> for over seven years, however this requirement has not been enforced.

Rental Inspection Fee Repealed

- The \$50 per-unit, per-inspection fee for the required rental inspection is being repealed and discontinued by the City's current leadership.
 - A rental inspection is still required in an effort to provide safety and to preserve the well-being of those who reside in rental housing in an effort to enhance the sustainability of Anniston's neighborhoods.
 - Learn more about City's rental inspections <u>here</u>.
- In addition, the City will waive the license requirement for previous years including penalty and interest, provided that a 2014 business license is obtained by Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.

Payment and Collection

- A Notice of Business License Required and Payment of Business License Tax for Lessors of Real Estate dated Wednesday Sept. 24, was mailed out to rental property owners, managers, and agencies.
- In that notice they were asked to complete and submit their payment with a Business License Application Form and Rental Property List Form before Friday, Oct. 31, 2014.
- An applicable 30% late penalty and interest rate of 1% a month will be applied to the balance that is due, effective Nov. 1, 2014.

Payment and Collection

- The business license for rentals is being collected for 2014 by PreMA Corp, the same consulting firm that audited the City's business license ordinance.
- Beginning in 2015, collection for the business license for rentals will be collected by Anniston City staff.

Exemptions & Waivers

- For those not leasing or renting their property, nor owning real estate property that is solely for their own occupancy or use, will be exempt from obtaining a business license.
- If you believe that you are exempt, please provide a written explanation that can be faxed to (720) 875-4199, or emailed to info@premacorp.com, before Oct. 9, 2014.
- The City of Anniston will waive penalty and interest on any amount due provided application and payment of the amount is made on or before Oct. 31, 2014.

Further Information

- For further information, please:
 - Call (720) 875-4160 or (866) 717-7362
 - Email info@premacorp.com
- Anniston's Business License Ordinance No. 07-0-6, is available for public viewing at www.annistonal.gov.